

Questions for Answers on the Day
(but not taken up)

Bringing down Prices of Essential Commodities

275. SRI M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—Will the Minister for Food and Pores be pleased to state :—

(a) the prices of Essential Commodities such as rice, wheat, ragi, jowar, sugar, edible oils from November 1975 to January 1977 (monthwise figures in each district may be given);

(b) the stock position in respect of rice and jowar as on January 1, 1977;

(c) (i) whether there is a Central quota in respect of wheat, rice, sugar e'c;

(ii) if so, what is the quota;

(iii) whether all the Central quota has been drawn; if not, how much is yet to be drawn;

(d) the steps the Government is taking in order to bring down the price of essential commodities?

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food & Forest).—

(a) *vide* Statements are placed on the Table of the House. **

(b) Rice; 2,33,611.75 tonnes, Jowar, 4,594.14 tonnes.

(c) (i) Yes, except for rice.

(ii) The present monthly quota is as follows:

Wheat	...	20,000 tonnes
Milo	...	20,000 tonnes
Sugar	...	9,569.7 tonnes

There is no Central quota for rice.

(iii) No. It depends upon the off-take of food grains. Does not arise because the undrawn quota of wheat and milo lapses at the end of every month.

Sugar is drawn in full and is not allowed to get lapsed.

(d) Government after taking into consideration the rise or fall in prices of essential commodities are taking various measures to contain the rise in prices of essential commodities. Wheat and Milo are being distributed in sufficient quantities in all the parts of

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the State. Milo is being sold at 0.95 paise per Kg. in shandies and project sites. Efforts are also being made to import the pulses and edible oils especially groundnut oil from the outside the State.

Expenditure on relief works in Tiptur Taluk

477. **SRI T. M. MANJUNATH (Tiptur).**—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

- (a) the amount spent on the relief works in Tiptur Taluk during the last one year ;
- (b) what kind of works were undertaken ;
- (c) the number of rig wells dug ;
- (d) the number of handpumps installed ?

SRI N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Amount spent till 31st March 1977 on Departmental and other relief works is Rs. 7,96,604.

(b) Employment generating works of the department of Public Works (Minor Irrigation and Roads) Soil Conservation, Afforestation and construction and repairs of Gokattes and digging pitwells were taken.

(c) 70 bore wells were dug (Upto 31st March 1977)

(d) 61 number of handpumps were installed upto 31st March 1977.

Promotions to Senior Stenographers of Health Department

255. **SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Kalagi)**—Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the C and R rules of Health Department have been amended to provide higher promotions to the Senior Stenographers as per the instructions issued by the Government in 1962 ;

(b) whether the Legislator from Kalagi brought to the notice of Government the inordinate delay caused in the matter ;

(c) whether any senior stenographers have since been promoted till now ; if so, the number of such stenographers ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(a) No.